## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image processing method and system for search for an original data file corresponding to an input image are provided. According to an image processing method associated with one aspect of the present 5 invention, for example, first search information associated with an input image is acquired on the basis of the information input by a user, and feature data contained in the input image is acquired as second search information. Thereafter, an original data file 10 corresponding to the input image is searched for by using the first and second search information. This makes it possible to improve the search performance in searching for an original data file corresponding to a 15 paper document.